The visit to Japan has helped in generating a better understanding among Japanese officials and businessmen regarding the favourable climate in India for investment and technology transfer, especially in high-tech. areas. There is also now a greater appreciation in Japan of the steps taken by Govt. to rationalise policies and streamline and simplify procedures.

Oil and gas found in Rajasthan

3210. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil India Limited has found oil/gas in the desert sands of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of gas/oil found;

(c) what is the exact location where the oil has been struck; and

(d) whether any efforts are being made to explore the oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Oil India Limited has discovered gas in the first exploratory well drilled at Tanot in Western Rajasthan on 7-9 August, 1988.

(b) During the production testing carried out on 7—9-8-1988, the well produced gas at a steady rate of 45,000 standard cubic metres per day through 6 mm bean.

(c) The location of the well at Tanot where gas has been struck is about 145 Kms. from Jaisalmer towards North-West.

(d) Oil India Ltd. will drill additional wells in this area for discovery/production of crude oil/natural gas.

Shortage of Acetaldehyde

3211. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a market survey has forecast a shortage of acetaldehyde in the coming years which may adversely affect production of glyoxal and bulk drugs; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the same and what steps are being taken to see that the shortage does not affect the production of bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) No market survey has been made. However, neither any shortage of acetaldehyde has been reported nor is it anticipated in the near future.

Industrial plots at Patparganj, Delhi

3212. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Administration had received a lot of applications for the allotment of industrial plots at Patparganj;

(b) if so, what was the total number of plots that were sold, and at what rates the plots were sold;

(c) whether these plots were allotted by draw of lots or by bids; and

(d) to what extent Government have benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to Delhi Administration about 500 plots are proposed to be allotted on lease basis at a premium of Rs. 500/- per sq. mtr. as soon as the criteria for allotment are finalised.

जन जातियों और अनुसूचित जातियों के लोगों के लिए परम्परागत उद्योगों को प्रोत्साहित करने संबंधी उपाय

3213. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जन जातियों और अनुसूचित जातियों के लोगों के लिए परम्परागत उद्योगों को बढ़ावा देने और इन उद्योगों को इसी प्रकार के अन्य आधुनिक उद्योगों की तुलना